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Water Needs Increasing

The water shortage problem in Sandy is here again this summer. The city is presently working on plans to expand the city water system and supply and we hope the plans are put before the public soon, so we do not have to look forward to this water problem each year.

The city is growing and the need for water is increasing every day.

To improve the city water system it is going to take money and we hope the residents and the future residents will be willing to meet the cost needs on a ballot issue. If not, the city will be facing an every day water shortage in the future.

Evaluation Guidelines Needed

The Sandy Police Department is now being studied by an Evaluation Committee.

It is just as important for the committee to give ways to improve the police department as it is to evaluate in what areas the department needs improving.

The committee members indicated to the Post one of its possible goals could be to give guidelines to the city council on what can be done to upgrade the local police in a three to five year plan.

This plan could be put to good use by the city council because the city is growing and the demands on the police are increasing with the influx of people. A plan or guidelines would

help the council and police chief Fred Punzel tremendously in planning for the efficient running of the department to best give protection to the city residents.

Interested residents will have a chance to talk to the Evaluation Committee Wednesday (July 25) at the city hall, 7:30 p.m. This is a public meeting for discussion of the Sandy Police Department and an important part of the committee's evaluation.

We will be waiting to see the findings and recommendations of the committee and how these are followed by the city council and the police.

Street Improved; Traffic Increases

The improvement work along Proctor Ave. seems to have improved the traffic patterns on the busy street. According to police chief Fred Punzel there has only been one accident reported since the major roadwork was complete about a month ago.

Before the work, accidents were reported every week.

Punzel also stated the parking habits of drivers has improved tremendously with the stripping of the street.

Business people along the street have also commented on the improved parking conditions and also the less road noise.

The complaints which have been

heard center around the delay in completion of the planting areas, the decline in business during the construction period and the speed of vehicle travel.

Also the work which narrowed the street to two definite lanes has helped bring out the obvious fact that Highway 26 is heavily used.

Local citizens have joined with the city and the Chamber of Commerce to seek traffic control measures to help ease the traffic problems on the street.

The State Highway Department needs to act on these measures as soon as possible, because the traffic volume is increasing every day.

The Watergate Affair

We could write volumes about what we don't know about Watergate.

We don't know how much Pres. Nixon knows. We doubt if he knew about the bugging, we suspect he knew about the cover-up.

We don't know the extent of culpability of H. R. Haldeman and John Erlichman. We suspect more than they admit, much less than inferred by John Dean.

We don't know the truth of Dean's testimony; we suspect less rather than more.

But we're really just guessing about all these things.

But we're not guessing when we decry the double standard being applied in the Watergate. The TV commentators, in particular, and certain newspapers are showing an amazing lack of candor.

They already have "convicted" Pres. Nixon and friends. They have made it impossible for any of the accused to get a fair trial of whatever

charges may materialize.

These people apply one standard to Richard Nixon and friends, an entirely different set of standards to his antagonists.

For instance, Daniel Ellsberg, who admittedly broke his oath in taking the Pentagon papers, is portrayed as some sort of a national hero. Not so those who broke into his psychiatrist's office.

The matter of Chappaquiddick never was pursued with much vigor by TV or the New York Times-Washington Post axis. Nor was the strange way in which John Kennedy took Illinois in the 1960 election. Nor the way in which Lyndon Johnson and family amassed a huge personal fortune.

None of this is to say that Pres. Nixon and friends are innocent—or guilty—of the Watergate charges. It is to say that an indefensible double-standard is being applied.

Sed Stuart heads board

Sedley N. Stuart has been elected chairman of the Mt. Hood Community College board of education for 1973-74. Stuart, an original member of the board, is co-owner of Stamm & Stuart Insurance, Portland. He served as board chairman in 1967-68. He recently began a three-year term on the board of directors of the American Association of

Community and Junior University speech professor and former state legislator. Robert D. Davis, U.S.A.F. Lt. Col. (ret.), was elected vice chairman. Davis was elected to the MHCC board in 1971 and served as board vice chairman during the past year. He is currently in the real estate business in the Gresham area. Stuart succeeds Dr. Frank Roberts, Portland State

Education Citizen of the Year in 1966. He is past president of the Oregon School Boards Association, past president of the Multnomah County School Boards Association, past chairman of the David Douglas High School Board, and a member of the National Committee of Public Schools.

Enjoying His Work



"Wait 'til they hit this one on a foggy night!"

CITIZENS FORUM
News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College by Chuck Niemi, Coordinator of College Information

Gresham Fire Dept. personnel were on campus last week presenting a two-hour discussion and exhibition of fire-fighting practices. College security chief, Harold Schmelzer, stated he hoped the visit could become an annual affair.

Twenty-one college staff, representing plant services, security and community services, took part in the discussions and witnessed mock fire-fighting drills.

The Portland Trail Blazers will again use Mt. Hood Community College for their fall training site. The Blazers will drill twice a day with evening sessions (starting at 5:30) open to the public Sept. 17-20.

Plenty of good tickets remain for this weekend's Northwest Senior Track & Field Classic at Mt. Hood. Action gets underway Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the gate both nights.

The public is encouraged to attend a barbecue immediately following Saturday's events. Most of the competitors will be attending the barbecue and it'll be a good time to see what

makes these older athletes love track and field so much.

Demand for well-trained nurses continues strong. An extraordinary number of quality nursing positions are open in the metropolitan area, as well as throughout Oregon and the Northwest. Notice will be posted soon on openings in the various nursing programs available at MHCC beginning fall term.

Mt. Hood's final five-week summer session starts July 24. Registration is Monday, July 23, in the MHCC admissions office.

Future outdoor cooks will have their day at the Clackamas County Fair Wednesday evening, August 15, when a 4-H barbecue-type outdoor cooking contest is scheduled for the fairgrounds. Two events, an intermediate and a senior contest, will be held with contestants building their own fires and cooking at least two different foods over either wood or charcoal. One of these foods is to be meat, the other vegetable. Participants must supply their own food, cooking equipment and dishes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Sandy Swingers, we would like to thank the Sandy Merchants who donated so generously for our Raspberry Festival Dance. We really appreciate each and every donation that we received.

Sandy Swingers
Dorothy Marschman

To the Editor:

Government Camp property owners and possibly others recently received an in-error questionnaire. It questioned the density prescribed in the CH2M & Hill Mt. Hood Preliminary Plan for recreational resort areas in Government Camp and various recommendations made by the Hoodland Planning Group to the County Planning Commission. Out of text, these fragments are to say the least misleading and thereby invalid. All Hoodland Planning Group recommendations to the Clackamas County Planning Commission were thoroughly discussed and passed by a majority of those elected.

A Government Camp property owners general meeting 7-7-73 for the second time approved the density table in the preliminary plan 27 to 10. The official bodies are the Hoodland Planning Group and the Government Camp Property Owners Association. The two ladies who did not attend the HPG meetings and who authored the questionnaire do not represent the majority of the people of Government Camp.

The ladies infer in their questionnaire that the people of Government Camp will pay for a new sewer plant if the density is approved. THIS IS NOT TRUE. The sewer plant needs upgrading with or without development. One principal reason is the misguided original approval by State and County officials of a then outdated plan. Seventy-five per cent federal funding is available and we have a high priority. The bonding that would be necessary for the balance would soon be paid by connection fees at \$500 each.

Various individuals, some under the guise of "Mt. Hood National Forest Study Group" (not affiliated with U.S.F.S.) have been highly critical of the Mt. Hood Plan which had the following participating agencies: U.S.F.S., B.L.M., Soil Conservation Service, State Dept. of Environmental Quality, Fish Commission, Forestry Dept., Board of Health, Highway Commission, Parks & Recreation Division, Scenic Area Board and North Clackamas Soil Conservation District, Regional Columbia Region Association of Govts, Portland Metropolitan Area Local Govt. Boundary Commission, County Health, Park, Planning, Public Works and Sheriffs Depts. plus Clackamas County Historical Society, Oregon Historical Society, Mazamas and the Mt. Hood

Chapter of the N.W. Steelheaders Association.

No plan is going to be perfect and unfortunately no matter what is adopted not everyone is going to be satisfied. A plan will be no better than those who administer it.

I urge the Planning Commission to follow the mandate of the majority and immediately adopt the Mt. Hood Community Plan.

Maryanne Hill
Secretary Government Camp Property Owners Assn.
Hoodland Planning Group Member
Government Camp, Oregon

To the Editor:

Again I see that Pete Carlson, a local Chevrolet dealer, is pleading for pocketbook patriotism by gracing the SANDY POST (July 12, 1973) with his "Be American—Buy American" advertising. He seems to imply that its un-American to be a purchaser of an imported automobile as "whenever we (Americans) purchase foreign goods or services, just where are our dollars going and who is benefitting the most?" Carlson then states, "Our prime con-

cern should be the strengthening of our economy in relation to the rest of the world."

It is this kind of narrow and jingoistic thinking in terms of the American economy which hurts more than helps, as in this so-called modern world it is time to start thinking in terms of a world economy, not an American one. After all, is not this America first type of nationalistic economic thinking exactly akin to the same nationalism expressed by Germany and Japan prior to World War II?

Carlson's advertisement seems especially hypocritical of a person who sells Made-In Japan "Luv" trucks from his own lot. ("We have sold 10 or 12 'Luv' trucks already this year," reported one Carlson salesman. "We sell them as fast as we get them.")

Perhaps Carlson and those who agree with him should give consideration as to why Americans in increasing numbers are buying foreign imports. One obvious aspect may be that the foreign imports provide, relatively speaking, more economical transportation which the more expensive American

automobiles cannot seem to supply.

(And while it is true the American assembly line worker deserves a right to earn the living brought in by the ultimate sale of the car he builds, does not the German, English and Japanese assembly line worker deserve the same right to his livelihood?)

Despite the increase of foreign imports during the last several years, I do not believe the American economy is anywhere near the danger of the red, yellow or green colored peril that Carlson would like us to believe. Yes, foreign imports between 1962 and 1969 increased by 13.2 per cent (according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 1970 Statistical Abstract). This is to be expected as the foreign import quality came to a par with the American models, yet still managed to retain lower prices.

However, American auto production increased from 6.9 million units in 1962 to 8.2 million in 1969—with sales of U.S. makes increasing by over 7 per cent. It is not that the U.S. manufacturers are not making

profit, they are just making less than before—which, in these economically troubled times of inflation, is not so bad a thing.

Of course, Mr. Carlson, we can always restrict imports. But this automatically violates the cherished American principle of free enterprise (not to mention permitting the atmosphere for a rise in the sales price of domestically manufactured American automobiles due to the removal of foreign competition).

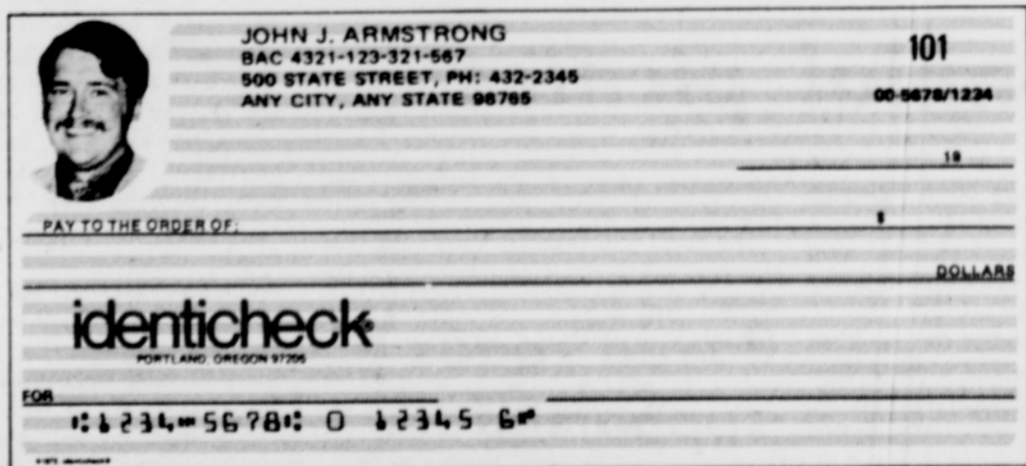
But as Mr. Carlson suggests, we should give "serious thought" to where U.S. dollars go whenever an American purchases foreign goods or services. I would say that a considerable amount goes into Mr. Carlson's own pocket.

Remember Mr. Carlson, the world you help should be your own.

Luv,
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College enrollments in the 18 to 21 age bracket in the last five years recorded a 14 per cent increase for whites, 61 per cent for blacks, and 16 per cent for others.

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